

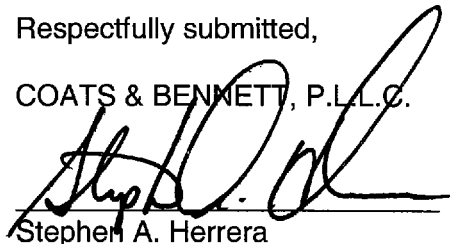
REMARKS

The final office action indicates that claims 1-3, 5-7, 19-23, 25, 31-36, 38-42, and 44-66 stand rejected as being anticipated by Takahashi, and that claims 4, 8, 37, 43, and 17-18 stand rejected as being obvious over Takahashi in view of either Kayanuma, Pagliuso, or Bulland. However, the office action also indicated that claims 14-16 contained allowable subject matter. Therefore, merely to facilitate the expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 14. Claims 15-16 have also been amended to ensure correct dependencies. Claims 9-14 and 23-46 have been cancelled without prejudice. Despite these cancellations, Applicant does not concede that the cited art anticipates the cancelled claims, and/or renders them obvious, and respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

In light of the foregoing amendments, the application stands in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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